

West's Annotated Code of Maryland  
Maryland Rules (Refs & Annos)  
Title 16. Courts, Judges, and Attorneys  
Chapter 800. Miscellaneous

MD Rules, Rule 16-824

RULE 16-824. RESTRICTIONS

Currentness

**(a) Judge's Own Ceremony.** A judge may not perform his or her own marriage ceremony.

**(b) Compensation.** A judge may receive no compensation, remuneration, or gift for performing a marriage ceremony.

**Committee note:** See Code, [Family Law Article, § 2-410](#), as to the fees a clerk or deputy clerk shall collect for performing a marriage ceremony.

**(c) Advertising or Other Solicitations.** A judge may not give or offer to give any reward to any person as an inducement to have the judge perform a marriage ceremony. A judge may not advertise or otherwise solicit individuals contemplating marriage to choose the judge to perform the ceremony.

**Source:** This Rule is new.

**Credits**

[Adopted Nov. 12, 2003, eff. Jan. 1, 2004; March 9, 2010, eff. July 1, 2010.]

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